## Amendments to the Claims

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the following listing of claims.

### LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (**Currently Amended**) In a networked computing environment comprising a server and a plurality of remote computing devices, a method for managing the distribution of digital media, wherein the method comprises:

at the server, receiving a plurality of physical media files <u>at least some of which share a common input source</u>;

storing each of the plurality of physical media files in a memory device;

creating <u>one or more media database entities</u> ~~a media database entity, wherein the media database entity stores data attributes that relate specific physical media files having~~ <u>that each identify a relationship among one or more of the plurality of physical media files that share a common input source and store data attributes regarding the one or more physical media files that share</u> a common input source;

receiving a data set <u>that is</u> indicative of ~~a delivery setting~~ <u>data attribute delivery settings</u> for <u>delivering</u> ~~the distribution of~~ one <u>of the</u> ~~physical media file~~ <u>plurality of physical media files to a client computer</u>;

~~creating~~ <u>generating</u> a release database entity<u>,</u> ~~wherein the release database entity~~ <u>that identifies a relationship between the data attribute delivery settings and the physical media file via a media database entity associated with the physical media file</u> ~~stores data attributes that relate the received data set to one physical media file and one media database entity~~;

generating a location data set that ~~communicates the data attributes of the release database entity, wherein the location data set is configured for enabling a client computer to receive one physical media~~ <u>indicates a location of the physical media file, whereby the location facilitates the retrieval of the physical media file by a client computer</u>; and

transmitting the location data set from the server to at least one remote computing device of the plurality of remote computing devices.

2. (*Original*) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a service data set indicative of a selection of at least one service provider associated with a remote computing device configured to provide a media service;

determining a storage location for one physical media file of the plurality of physical media files, wherein the determination of the storage location is based on the service data set;

transferring at least one physical media file to at least one remote computing device associated with the determined storage location; and

recording a location data set indicative of a network address of the remote computing device associated with the determined storage location.

3. (*Original*) The method of Claim 1, wherein the location data set is in the format of a uniform resource locator.

4. (*Currently Amended*) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~one of the plurality of physical media files~~ the physical media file is an audio file.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~one of the plurality of physical media files~~ the physical media file is a video file.

6. (*Original*) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a master media file having a first bit-rate;

determining a number of media files that can be derived from the master media file;

generating at least one derivative file from the master media file, wherein the derivative file has a second bit-rate;

storing the derivative file in a media database; and

distributing the derivative file to a media service computing system.

7. (**Currently Amended**) In a networked computing environment comprising a managing server and a plurality of remote computing devices, a method for managing the distribution of digital media, wherein the method comprises:

receiving from a first remote computing device a request for a transfer of a media file;

generating an instruction set indicative of a location address of the media file by the use of a database, wherein the database architecture comprises a plurality of media <u>entities</u> and <u>a plurality of</u> release entities<u>, each media entity identifying a relationship among one or more media files that share a common input source and storing data attributes regarding the one or more media files that share a common input source, each release entity identifying a relationship between the received request and the media file,</u> relating the request to the location address of the media file; and

transmitting an instruction set to the first remote computing device, wherein the instruction set is configured to allow the remote computing device to receive the media file from a second remote computing device associated with the location address of the media file.

8. (**Original**) The method of Claim 7, wherein the instruction set for the transfer of the media file instructs the second remote computing device to download the media file to the first remote computing device.

9. (**Original**) The method of Claim 7, wherein the instruction set for the transfer of the media file instructs the second remote computing device to stream the media file to the first remote computing device.

10. (**Original**) The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

receiving a master media file having a first bit-rate;

determining a number of media files that can be derived from the master media file;

generating at least one derivative file from the master media file, wherein the

derivative file has a second bit-rate;

>storing the derivative file in a database; and

>distributing the derivative file to a the second remote computing device.

11. (*Original*) The method of Claim 7, further comprising, storing the instruction set on a computer readable-medium.

12. (*Currently Amended*) In a networked computing environment comprising a managing server and a plurality of remote computing devices, a method for integrating a plurality of media service systems, wherein the method comprises:

>receiving a plurality of physical media files <u>at least some of which share a</u> <u>common input source</u>;

>storing each of the plurality of physical media files in a memory device;

>creating <u>one or more media database entities</u> a~media~database~entity,~ wherein~the~media~database~entity~stores~data~attributes~that~relate~specific~physical~ media~files~having <u>that each identify a relationship among one or more of the</u> <u>plurality of physical media files that share a common input source and store data</u> <u>attributes regarding the one or more physical media files that share</u> a common input source;

>receiving a data set <u>that is</u> indicative of a~delivery~setting <u>data attribute</u> <u>delivery settings</u> for <u>delivering</u> the~distribution~of one <u>of the plurality of physical media</u> <u>files to a client computer</u> physical~media~file;

>creating <u>generating</u> a release database entity, wherein~the~release~database~ entity~stores~data~attributes~that~relate~the~received~data~set~to~one~physical~media~ file~and~the~media~database~entity <u>that identifies a relationship between the data</u> <u>attribute delivery settings and the physical media file via a media database entity</u> <u>associated with the physical media file</u>;

>generating a location data set indicative of a storage location of the physical media file, wherein the location data set contains the data attributes of the release database entity; and

>transmitting the location data set to at least one remote computing device.

13. (*Original*) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:

transferring the physical media file to at least one remote computer associated with a service provider for storage; and

recording data indicative of the location of the transferred media file.


14. (*Currently Amended*) A networked computer system including at least one remote client computer, at least one server, and a plurality of servers providing multimedia services, a system of integrating the plurality of servers providing a plurality of multimedia services, comprising:

a database storing a plurality of media files <u>at least some of which share a common input source</u>, data indicative of the storage location of the media files, and data parameters indicating the ~~types~~ <u>format</u> of each media file and transmission capabilities of ~~the plurality of media files~~ <u>each media file</u>;

a memory storage device housed within the managing server, wherein the memory storage device ~~for storing~~ <u>stores</u> a program module, the program module operative for causing the managing server to:

receive [[a]] <u>the</u> plurality of physical media files;

store each of the plurality of physical media files in the database;

create ~~a media database entity~~ <u>one or more media database entities</u> in the database, ~~wherein the media database entity stores data attributes that relate specific physical media files having~~ <u>that each identify a relationship among one or more of the plurality of physical media files that share a common input source and store data attributes regarding the one or more physical media files that share a common input source;</u>

receive a data set <u>that is</u> indicative of ~~a delivery setting~~ <u>data attribute delivery settings</u> for <u>delivering</u> ~~the distribution of~~ one <u>of the</u> ~~physical media file~~ <u>plurality of physical media files to a client computer;</u>

~~create~~ <u>generate</u> a release database entity in the database~~, wherein the release database entity stores data attributes that relate the received data set to one physical media file and one media database entity~~ <u>that identifies a relationship between the data attribute delivery settings and the physical media file via a media database entity associated with the physical media file;</u>

generate a location data set that ~~communicates the data attributes of the~~ ~~release database entity, wherein the location data set is configured for enabling a~~ ~~client computer to receive one physical media file~~ includes a location of the physical media file, whereby the location facilitates the retrieval of the physical media file by a client computer; and

transmit the location data set to at least one remote computing device.

15. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

receiving a plurality of physical media files at least some of which share a common input source;

storing each of the plurality of physical media files in a memory device;

creating one or more media database entities ~~a media database entity,~~ ~~wherein the media database entity stores data attributes that relate specific physical~~ ~~media files having~~ that each identify a relationship among one or more of the plurality of physical media files that share a common input source and store data attributes regarding the one or more physical media files that share a common input source;

receiving a data set that is indicative of ~~a delivery setting~~ data attribute delivery settings for delivering ~~the distribution of~~ one of the ~~physical media file~~ plurality of physical media files to a client computer;

~~creating~~ generating a release database entity, ~~wherein the release database~~ ~~entity stores data attributes that relate the received data set to one physical media~~ ~~file and one media database entity~~ that identifies a relationship between the data attribute delivery settings and the physical media file via a media database entity associated with the physical media file;

generating a location data set that ~~communicates the data attributes of the~~ ~~release database entity, wherein the location data set is configured for enabling a~~ ~~client computer to receive one physical media file~~ includes a location of the physical media file, whereby the location facilitates the retrieval of the physical media file by a client computer; and

transmitting the location data set to at least one remote computing device.

16. (*Original*) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15 further comprising computer-executable instructions for performing steps of:

receiving a service data set indicative of a selection of at least one service provider associated with a remote computing device configured to provide a media service;

determining a storage location for one physical media file of the plurality of physical media files, wherein the determination of the storage location is based on the service data set;

transferring at least one physical media file to a remote computing device associated with the determined storage location; and

recording a location data set indicative of a network address of the remote computing device associated with the determined storage location.

17. (*Cancelled*)